REMARKS

A statement that the present application is a Divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/915,152 has been added immediately after the TITLE.

A sequence listing is part of this application. Accordingly, a paper copy of the Sequence Listing is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Support for the sequence listing is found in the specification at, for example, page 16, line 28 - page 19, line 14 (Table 1). A CFR copy of the Sequence listing has been submitted in the parent application. Filed concurrently herewith is a Request to Transfer Previously Filed Sequence Information Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821(e) from the parent application to the instant application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), undersigned counsel hereby represents that, upon information and belief, the content of the paper copy and CRF of the Sequence Listing are the same and no new matter has been added.

Claim 2 has been amended to delete subject matter allowed in the parent case. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 6-7 and 10-13; page 2, line 6 - page 3, line 8; and page 9, lines 2-12 and 20-30; and in original claim 2. See, In re Gardner, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (l).

Claim 5 has been amended to recite "microcrystalline cellulose" and "sodium starch glycollate." This amendment has been made to correct two obvious typographical errors.

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Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to Examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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